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1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, CODEL WOLFF VISIT TO SEOUL OCCURRED OVER WEEKEND DURING AUGUST HOLIDAY SEASON. CODEL ABANDONED TASK FORCE FORMAT BECAUSE PRESIDENT PARK INVITED CODEL TO CHINHAEE FOR MEETING WITH HIM ON SAT, AUG 9. ENTIRE CODEL ATTENDED THIS AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH SENIOR KOREAN OFFICIALS.

2. STAFFERS ACCOMPANYING CODEL TOOK NOTES OF MEETINGS AT WHICH THEY PRESENT. NEITHER THEY NOR CODEL MEMBERS INDICATED DESIRE THAT EMBASSY PREPARE DEFINITIVE REPORTS FOR THEIR USE, EXCEPT THAT CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA REQUESTED AGATT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON KOREAN AGRICULTURAL SITUATION AND FUTURE AGRICULTURAL TRADE PROSPECTS. AGATT FORWARDED THIS MATERIAL DIRECTLY.

3. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON CODEL'S MEETINGS:

A. PRESIDENT PARK: CHARGE DID NOT MAKE FULL MEMCON SINCE THIS MEETING FULLY COVERED BY SEOUL'S 6252. AS NOTED THEREIN, VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK MORE OR LESS PRIVATELY TO PRESIDENT PARK WHILE DRINKS WERE BEING SERVED IN GARDEN BEFORE LUNCH. CIR-
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CUMSTANCES DID NOT PERMIT REPORTING THESE DISCUSSIONS

EXCEPT BY INDIVIDUAL CODEL MEMBERS INVOLVED. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF WOULD HAVE TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON HIS LENGTHY POST-LUNCHEON PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK BEYOND WHAT IS CONTAINED IN PARA 12, SEOUL-6252.

B. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) BRIEFING:
THIS MEETING WITH MND MINISTER SUH, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEFENSE CHAIRMAN CHOE AND RANKING KOREAN MILITARY OFFICERS WAS SUBJECT OF MEMCON DATED AUG 10 AND FORWARDED DEPT AUG 14 BY POUCH TO EA/K AND INR/REA. MEMCON COVERS ONLY QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED PREPARED BRIEFING. LATTER, WHICH WAS READ BY ROK OFFICER, WAS REPRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY INCLUDING CHARTS, IN PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING CODEL STAFFERS. EMBASSY FORWARDING COPIES OF MEMCON TO EA/RA.

C. KIM TAE CHUNG: THIS MEETING INVOLVED ONLY CONGRESSMAN WOLFF AND CHARGE, AT FORMER'S REQUEST. MEMCON WAS FORWARDED AUG 18 TO EA/K AND INR/REA AND ENCLOSED WAS COPY MEMO ON SECURITY WHICH KIM HAD PREPARED FOR OCCASION. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING ADDITIONAL COPIES TO EA/RA. ALL INVOLVED SHOULD BE AWARE THAT STATEMENTS MADE BY KIM TAE CHUNG IN THIS CONVERSATION AND IN MEMO WOULD PLACE HIM IN JEOPARDY OF ARREST UNDER SO-CALLED ANTI-SCANDAL LAW, AND THAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.

D. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHUNG IL KWON: THIS MEETING WAS LARGELY PRO FORMA AND, ASIDE FROM CODEL'S OWN WARNING ABOUT ATTITUDE OF AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESS TOWARD SUPPORT OF REGIMES WHICH APPEAR TO FOLLOW UNNECESSARILY REPRESSIVE DOMESTIC POLICIES, WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT. CHARGE DID NOT PREPARE MEMCON.

E. PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG PIL: SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THIS MEETING WAS FULLY COVERED SEOUL'S 6260. NO MEMCON.

4. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ MADE OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPARATE MEETING WITH KIM TAE CHUNG. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TRANSPIRED.

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